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**FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JONATHAN**

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This weekend I am blessed to have family visiting from all over the country. My parents had planned to come for the parish dinner dance this Sunday, and so my siblings and I decided we would surprise them by all coming together here in the Bronx to celebrate my father's 85th birthday, which will be October 30th.

As you parents who have adult children know, the best gift we can give to our parents is to spend time with them, and when possible, to bring the whole family together. In my family's case, this is not always easy as we live in various parts of the country, including Indiana, New Hampshire, California, Minnesota, and New York.

In moments like this when we manage to pull away from our busyness and come together, we are reminded that we should do it more often! It is so easy to allow time to pass by and fail to prioritize family relationships.

When you see my parents and siblings please greet them. They will be very happy to hear all the mistakes I have made and continue to make as your pastor! They will also be able to tell you some juicy stories about how bad I was growing up.

Finally, my congratulations and love go out to our dear religious sisters who celebrate this week with us their 25th anniversary of service to our parish! We love you!!

God bless, Father Jonathan